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AT&T PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE COMMISSION ACTION TO REFORM ITS UNIVERSAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY TO BE INCORPORATED INTO RECORD OF COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORM FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

## WC Docket No. 06-122

On July 10, 2009, AT&T filed a petition for immediate Commission action to reform the universal service contribution methodology. AT&T requests that the Commission adopt its previously submitted proposed numbers-based contribution methodology, or in the alternative, a numbers and connections contribution methodology based on its October 20, 2008 filing. The petition will be treated as an *ex parte* filing in the open rulemaking proceeding seeking comment on comprehensive universal service and intercarrier compensation reform.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Petition for Immediate Commission Action to Reform its Universal Service Contribution Methodology by AT&T, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed July 10, 2009) (Petition).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Petition at 12; Letter from Mary Henze, AT&T, and Kathleen Grillo, Verizon, to Marlene Dortch, FCC, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed Sept. 11, 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Petition at 19; Letter from Mary Henze, AT&T, and Kathleen Grillo, Verizon, to Marlene Dortch, FCC, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed Oct. 20, 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> High-Cost Universal Service Support, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link Up, Universal Service Contribution Methodology, Numbering Resource Optimization, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, IP-Enabled Services, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 99-200, 96-98, 01-92, 99-68, WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 03-109, 06-122, 04-36, Order on Remand and Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 24 FCC Rcd 6475 (2008). That rulemaking proceeding is a permit-but-disclose proceeding for purposes of *ex parte* submissions. See id. at 6493, para. 42. As the issues raised in AT&T's petition are currently pending before the Commission in an open rulemaking proceeding, we waive the requirement in section 1.403 of the Commission's rules that a separate file number be established. 47 C.F.R. § 1.403.